

## STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## Divorce etc. Statistics

## 1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1950 and annually 1945 to 1950.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2	777.0
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	0.4	-	1.4	1.0
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.6	.2	0.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	236.6	311.6	618.0	782.4
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8	651.0
Absolute	22.6	106.6	166.8	242.2	417.0	642.2
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4	1.6
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.4
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	0.2	-	-	-	0.8	1.2
Decrees	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.4
				Years		
	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	870	846	732	742	784	781
Judicial Separation	2	1	-	1	2	1
Nullity of Marriage	-	12	2	3	4	1
Total	872	859	734	746	790	783
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	689	709	655	601	675	615
Absolute	604	651	685	628	586	661
Judicial Separation	2	1	3	2	-	2
Nullity of Marriage	-	5	5	2	2	3
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Petitions	2	1	3	1	-	1
Decrees	2	-	1	1	-	-

## 2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted.

Grounds	1949			1950		
	Petition by			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	123	128	251	132	106	238
Desertion	133	135	268	164	188	352
Habitual Cruelty	3	47	50	2	54	56
Insanity	6	1	7	4	-	4
Drunkenness	2	5	7	2	5	7
Failure to Maintain	-	2	2	-	2	2
Supposed Dead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1	1	-	2	2
Total	267	319	586	304	357	661
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	-	1	1	2	1	3
Bigamy	-	1	1	-	-	-

3. Divorces Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue.

Duration of Marriage Years	I S S U E								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<u>1949</u>									
0 - 4	55	18	4	-	1	-	-	-	78
5 - 9	106	79	15	5	2	-	-	-	207
10 - 14	29	31	24	12	1	1	-	-	98
15 - 19	17	23	19	7	1	2	1	-	70
20 - 24	33	17	14	3	-	-	-	-	67
25 - 29	32	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	39
30 - 34	17	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
35 - 39	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
40 - 44	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	298	173	79	27	5	3	1	-	586
<u>1950</u>									
0 - 4	34	16	2	-	-	-	-	-	52
5 - 9	105	96	34	10	-	-	1	-	246
10 - 14	40	44	34	19	8	1	-	-	146
15 - 19	16	27	27	8	4	4	-	-	86
20 - 24	28	19	5	4	1	3	1	2	63
25 - 29	30	4	2	1	1	1	-	-	39
30 - 34	9	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	15
35 - 39	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
40 - 44	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	276	210	105	43	14	9	2	2	661

4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce.

Age of Husband	Age of Wife							Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	
<u>1949</u>								
Under 25	18	3	1	-	-	-	-	22
25 - 29	30	59	10	3	-	-	-	102
30 - 34	10	43	41	11	3	1	-	109
35 - 39	-	14	47	37	6	-	-	104
40 - 44	-	2	13	33	25	5	1	79
45 - 49	-	3	2	19	24	17	6	71
50 & over	-	-	3	7	10	24	55	99
Total	58	124	117	110	68	47	62	586
<u>1950</u>								
Under 25	13	3	-	-	-	-	-	16
25 - 29	21	55	18	1	-	-	-	95
30 - 34	5	67	66	8	1	-	-	147
35 - 39	2	23	45	46	12	2	-	130
40 - 44	4	4	17	41	35	8	-	106
45 - 49	-	-	5	10	36	23	8	82
50 & over	-	-	3	3	10	27	42	85
Total	42	152	154	109	94	60	50	661